

elected to propose reductions in military construction in order to preserve funding for defense readiness accounts in the Defense appropriations bill.

With defense and non-defense spending caps in place for FY 2015, House and Senate appropriators expect to avoid the gridlock on spending bills that occurred last year.

Mr. Chair, it is my hope that my colleagues in the majority will place the best interest of the American people first during the deliberations on the budget to ensure that Federal government nor the American people have to endure another shutdown.

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 1, 2014

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, today, millions of Americans at home and around the world will gather together and pray for our nation in observance of the National Day of Prayer. More than 30,000 services will take place on the steps of county courthouses, in conference rooms of small businesses, and in church sanctuaries.

Since the first call to prayer by the Continental Congress in 1775, prayer has played a significant role in our history. Our forefathers founded this great nation on Christian principles. They believed that every American should be able to practice his or her faith freely and pray for wisdom and guidance for our country and its leaders.

Throughout our nation's challenges and achievements, the American people have united around prayer. Since President Harry Truman signed a Congressional resolution in 1952, we have come together on an annual basis to give thanks and ask God to bless our nation and the American people. I encourage every American to take time today and ask the Lord to guide our nation forward.

In conclusion, God Bless our Troops and we will never forget September 11th in the Global War on Terrorism.

HONORING THE LIFE AND DEDICATED SERVICE OF MILTON CITY COUNCILMAN RALPH "CLAYTON" WHITE

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 1, 2014

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life and dedicated service of Northwest Florida's beloved Milton City Councilman Clayton White. Councilman White was a veteran, successful business owner, and committed public servant. The entire Northwest Florida community mourns the loss of a great man.

Councilman White was a native of Spencer County, Indiana, who first came to Milton, Florida, in 1951 during his service in the United States Navy. Like so many who come to Northwest Florida through military service, Councilman White was immediately struck by the Gulf Coast's natural beauty and the friend-

ly nature of its residents and decided to remain in the area after completing his service. Councilman White and his wife Betty settled in Milton, where they opened a local appliance store, Tops TV and Appliance in 1957, which remains in business today and is run by their son, Barry. Tops quickly became known in the area for its quality selection, customer friendly service, and the store's wall of televisions, which Councilman White left on at night for the public to watch.

Councilman White also became involved in Northwest Florida's civic society and politics. He served on the Santa Rosa Elections Commission, as well as the Navarre Beach Board, before being appointed to a seat on the Milton City Council in 1979, which he held until 1994. In 2000, Councilman White decided to rejoin the council and was elected by the people of Milton to the council, where he continued to serve the community until his recent passing. Councilman White was known as an outstanding councilman with an assiduous work ethic and natural leadership abilities. Councilman White was also a long-time member of the local Kiwanis club, and he served on the Santa Rosa Tourist Development Council.

In addition to his business success and political service, Councilman White was also a loving and devoted husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather and a member of First United Methodist Church of Milton. Councilman White was preceded in death by his wife of 62 years, Betty, who passed away last December. To some Councilman White will be remembered as a dedicated public servant and to others as a successful businessman. To his family and friends, he will always be remembered as family man guided by his faith.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, it is an honor for me to recognize the life and dedicated service of Councilman Clayton White. My wife Vicki and I extend our prayers and sincere condolences his sons, Scott, Barry, and Brian; grandchildren, Randall, Emily, Clay, Bailey, Brennan, Brady and Raina; great-grandson Dylan; and the entire White Family.

HONORING ALYSSA KNOBEL ON RECEIVING THE DIRECTOR FOR LIFE AWARD AND RECOGNIZING THE OUTSTANDING WORK OF THE JEWISH COUNCIL FOR YOUTH SERVICES

HON. BRADLEY S. SCHNEIDER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 1, 2014

Mr. SCHNEIDER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor a dedicated community servant and an outstanding community organization in the suburban Chicago district I represent. The Jewish Council for Youth Services (JCYS) will present Alyssa Knobel with the Director for Life Award at its 2014 Annual Gala.

Both Alyssa and JCYS embody a commitment to service and a dedication to enriching the lives of children that strengthens our community and lays a foundation for the future success of the next generation.

In the time I have known Alyssa, I have consistently been impressed with her energy, her enthusiasm and her passion for helping others. Her many activities are as diverse as

they are inspirational, and her work with JCYS, in many roles, has helped boost the confidence and expand the imaginations of countless children.

JCYS is a tremendous organization that understands the fundamental principle that our generation's success will best be measured by the quality of opportunities we provide the next generation. Its steadfast commitment to educational, recreational and leadership development and activities offers many extraordinary opportunities for kids throughout our community.

I also would like to take this opportunity to welcome John Thomason as the new Executive Director of JCYS, and wish him only great success in his new role.

With people like Alyssa and John leading the way, I know JCYS will achieve great new heights and will continue its work inspiring and empowering generations of children for years to come.

STORM DAMAGE IN ARKANSAS, MISSISSIPPI, OKLAHOMA, KANSAS, TENNESSEE, AND ALABAMA

HON. ERIC A. "RICK" CRAWFORD

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 1, 2014

Mr. CRAWFORD. Mr. Speaker, I'm honored to be joined here by my colleagues from Arkansas, Mississippi, Oklahoma, Kansas, Tennessee, Alabama and the states that have been impacted by the devastating storms that occurred earlier this week. While we had hoped that the entire Mississippi and Arkansas delegations could join us, Representatives GREGG HARPER and ALAN NUNNELEE from Mississippi, and Representative TIM GRIFFIN from Arkansas, are back home today coordinating with the federal, state and local officials who are organizing disaster assistance efforts. Tomorrow Representative GRIFFIN will be touring the devastation in Arkansas' second district with Secretary Johnson from the Department of Homeland Security.

All these delegations have spent hours keeping close contact with one another and with officials in Arkansas, in particular regarding the tornado that ripped through Vilonia, Mayflower, El Paso and Perrin, leaving a path of destruction in central Arkansas and the same is true for the other affected states. The destruction we've witnessed is heartbreaking and our prayers go out to those affected by all these devastating storms, especially those who lost loved ones. All of us would like to thank the first responders, volunteers and neighboring communities for all their assistance, donations, prayers and tireless efforts during this difficult time. Their hard work and dedication has saved countless lives. We also urge those who can to continue to help in any way they can to assist in the recovery and rebuilding of neighborhoods and communities that were impacted by these storms.

We also honor and remember those we lost. Representative GRIFFIN asked that I share a story of one of his constituents, U.S. Air Force Master Sergeant Daniel Wassarn, who served as load master instructor with the 138th airlift wing at the Little Rock Air Force Base. The master sergeant lived in Vilonia, Arkansas with his wife, Suzanne, and his two young daughters. According to reports, Master Sergeant